

TOPSHAM FAIR EXHIBIT HALL **4-H RULES AND REGULATIONS 2014**

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1. All currently enrolled 4-H members **in good standing** from Sagadahoc and Androscoggin counties and the towns of Brunswick and Pownal are encouraged to enter. All exhibits by club members must be approved by and entered through their club leader. For **Club Leaders** to enter your 4-H Club, and **Independent Advisors** to enter your Independent Members, please call the Extension Office, 353.5550 or 1.800.287.1458, by **July 18**. Space will be reserved on a first come, first served basis. Independent members may either leave their exhibits in the Exhibit Hall by noon on August 2, to be set up by 4-H Staff, or bring them to the Extension Office by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, August 1. No entry fee will be charged.

2. Entrants can exhibit only items that they have produced or prepared **during the current 4-H year** in a project in which they are currently active. Members may exhibit only **one** entry in any one-project area, except for **Creativity Unlimited**, where **projects not covered elsewhere in these rules** may be exhibited. And projects on distinct animal species, musical instruments, physical fitness and sports, and mechanical sciences may be considered separate projects as noted in the Exhibit Requirements, below. Members may enter an exhibit for **each separate project** of these types.

3. **Exhibits must follow the Exhibit Requirements.** Those that do not will receive no premium. The decisions of the judges are final. The Fair will afford the best protection possible for exhibits, but Extension and the Fair distinctly disclaim any liability for losses or damage to exhibits.

4. Each entry must have a standard **4-H Exhibit & Judging Card** and a **4-H Life Skills Card** securely attached to it. Both cards are available from the Extension Office. Both the top and bottom sections of the Exhibit & Judging Card must be filled out completely by the 4-H'r, unless he/she is unable to do so. (For example, a six year old who can't write small enough may have help from a leader or parent.) Include the **unit level** if the project has one, but otherwise write the **number of years** the member has been in the project in the **Unit Level** space. Include your age as of January 1st of this year in the **Age** space of the card. **Failure to fill the card out completely will result in a one-ribbon mark-down.** Any special considerations that should be taken into account by the judges should be written on a Post-It note attached to the 4-H Exhibit & Judging Card by the leader.

5. **NO KITS** are accepted, except in "Commercial Crafts", "Models", and "Rocketry and Stitchery" projects. By a "KIT" we mean articles made of **pre-cut or pre-formed** pieces that are **assembled** by the 4-H'r.

6. No posters, written reports, or scrap books allowed, except as specifically noted below in a project category. Where posters are allowed, **their size must be 14" x 22"**, unless otherwise noted, **with lettering that is legible from at least four feet away.** **The member's name, the name of their club, and the year must be written on the poster as well as on the exhibit card.**

7. **All 4-H exhibits must be in place in the Exhibition Hall by Noon on Saturday, August 2, or they will not be judged.** The Exhibit Hall will be open Friday, August 1, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Saturday morning, August 2 from 8:00 a.m. – noon. Judging is at noon on Saturday; **ALL 4-H Exhibits must be set up by then.** All clubs must have at least one **VOLT** trained volunteer present to help with judging Saturday afternoon until approximately 3:00 p.m.

8. The judging will be done on the “Modified Danish System”. Each worthy exhibit will be awarded a ribbon and premium on the basis of **how well it displays appropriate skills for the member’s age and number of years in the project.**

9. For all exhibits of **photos, EXCEPT for a Photography Project**, mount them neatly on one piece of poster board not larger than **14" x 22"**. **The member’s name, the name of their club, and the current year must be on the poster as well as on the exhibit card.**

10. Premiums are as follows:

Blue - \$3.00 Red - \$2.00 White - \$1.00 Cloverbuds: Silver Dollar

11. 4-H Club Leaders are responsible for their members following these rules and requirements, and **Leaders must remove all exhibits from the Exhibit Hall. The Exhibit Hall will be open on Monday, August 11 and Tuesday August 12 from 5:00 p.m. to 8 p.m. to remove exhibits.**

12. The last category in the Exhibit Requirements, “**Creativity Unlimited**”, is for bona fide projects that are not covered elsewhere in the Project Exhibit categories.

4-H CLUB EXHIBIT REQUIREMENTS

All clubs will display their projects as a club unit in a space assigned to the club. To be assigned space, please call the Extension Office at 353.5550 or 1.800.287.1458 by **July 18**. If a club reserves space but does not show up, it will be unable to show at the fair next year unless the leader has called the Office by August 1 to let us know the club isn’t coming. Clubs are urged to use their members’ projects as their major display items. Other decorations may be used **sparingly** to enhance the overall appearance of the club display (crepe paper, streamers, dried flowers, etc.) Independent Members’ exhibits will be set up by 4-H Staff.

The club must prominently include its name and city or town for the public to see, and must have a standard “4-H Exhibit & Judging Card” completed and tacked to the front of the top shelf. The card must show the club name and the leader's name and town. The club exhibits will be judged as follows:

40 Points - for overall appearance of the club members’ individual projects in the space provided.

25 Points - for overall appearance of the decorated space.

25 Points - for the name and address of the club (appearance and execution)

10 Points - for completed and properly placed exhibit card.

Rosettes will be awarded to the First and Second place clubs. Premiums are:

First place club: \$35.00 Second place club: \$25.00 All other clubs: \$15.00

PROJECT EXHIBITS

We offer the following descriptions as examples of what members may enter for their Hall Exhibits in projects they are doing this year. Members may enter an exhibit that meets these descriptions or, with their Club Leader's approval, enter an exhibit of their own creation that illustrates what they have learned or have done in the project this year. The exhibit must be appropriate for the age of the member and years of experience in the project. Please review the General Requirements, above, and the exhibit descriptions, below, and make your exhibit about the same size as those described here. There is not room for larger exhibits at the Fair.

ANIMAL PROJECTS

Any item the member has made for the project during this 4-H year; or four regular size photos that tell a story, mounted as a unit and individually labeled, (see Rule #9, above), or a notebook the member has kept on their animal, or a poster depicting some aspect of animal care, (see Rule #9, above). Separate entries may be submitted for each species of animal **as long as each is conducted as a separate project**. Poultry members may submit one-half dozen eggs instead of photos or an "item the member has made", and must write on the Exhibit Card the average number of eggs produced per week. Exhibits may be entered for animals that are shown at the fair. No live animals displayed. **This category includes ALL animals not specifically mentioned elsewhere in these rules. (See Rule #6, above, regarding posters.)**

ART

Drawings or paintings made by the member ready for hanging with screw eyes or wire or other appropriate attachment, displaying appropriate skills for level and medium used, or exhibit such art in a sketchbook open to the page being exhibited. No paint by number kits or tracings. Other art items such as tube painting, scrimshaw, marbling or sculpture may be included in this category.

AUTOMOTIVE

An exhibit as suggested in the project manual.

BEEKEEPING

One pint of honey from member's beehive; or a poster about beekeeping, social structure of bees, the beehive, or how to extract honey, etc. **NO LIVE BEES! (See Rule #6, above, regarding posters.)**

BICYCLE

An exhibit showing safe bicycle use; or a poster with a schedule and map of a bike trip taken this year; or other exhibit as suggested in the project manual; or 4 photos that tell a story with individual labels. **(See Rule #6, above, regarding posters.)**

CAMPING

A camping item made in the project; or a survival kit made in the project; or a poster with ten knots you've learned in the project; or a sturdy 8" x 12" handmade model of an Appalachian Shelter; or a display illustrating "no-trace" camping techniques; or a poster with a written schedule and map of a camping/hiking trip taken this 4-H year. **(See Rule #6, above, regarding posters.)**

CANDLE MAKING

Any article made in the project showing appropriate skills for the member's age and number of years in the project.

CERAMICS & POTTERY

Any article made in the project showing appropriate skills for the member's age and number of years in the project.

CHILDCARE

A safe and sanitary toy, game, or child's item made by the member, (list the age of child for whom it was made on the Exhibit Card); or a poster or scrapbook showing appropriate childcare concerns. **(See Rule #6, above, regarding posters.)**

CITIZENSHIP or COMMUNITY SERVICE

Display or 14"x 22" poster illustrating: one of the individual member's community service projects; or the importance of voting, etc. Or enter a collection of historic or related items, occupying no more than two square feet; or 4 photos that tell a story with individual labels. **(See Rule #6, above, regarding posters.)**

COMMERCIAL CRAFTS

For 5 - 8 year old members only. This category is for non-original arts and crafts, such as Artex kits, paint-by-number, craft kits, etc. **A KIT EXHIBIT MUST BE MARKED AS A KIT.** Paintings must be framed properly. **NO COLORING BOOKS.**

COMPUTERS

A printout of a program written by the member; or a display on the different parts or functions of a computer, or how a computer works, or the things computers do, etc.

CRAFTS (No more than one "Craft" exhibit may be shown by each member) NO KITS

Any original article made by the member and approved by the leader that does not fit in another exhibit category in these rules. (See Art, Ceramics, Candle Making, Commercial Crafts, Macramé', Metal Crafts, etc.)

CROCHETING

An article made by the member, such as headband, mittens, stretch slippers, sweater, afghan, pillow, etc.

EARTH CONNECTIONS / NATURAL RESOURCES

Any article or poster that illustrates to the public what has been done in this project for the year. May include scrapbooks or articles in which member has made items from natural resources such as: gourd birdhouses, walking sticks, shadow boxes of shore items, etc., or poster display or scale model on the ecology of a plant or animal species or on a habitat or community studied this year. **(See Rule #6, above, regarding posters.)**

ELECTRICITY

Any article made in the project showing appropriate skills for the member's age and number of years in the project.

ENTOMOLOGY

A poster display of what has been done in the project during the past year. Include an explanation of the project. Examples: planting a butterfly garden and displaying photos of butterflies visiting the garden; a non-toxic way to eliminate pests; pictures of insects in their natural habitat; or 4 photos that tell a story with individual labels. No scrapbooks or kits, and **NO LIVE BUGS!** **(See Rule #6, above, regarding posters.)**

or

Exhibit insect specimens neatly mounted in a case protected by a see-through cover, and labeled with their name on official 4-H entomology labels. 4-H members who cannot write small enough to fit the name on the label may have help.

Beginner - a minimum of 15 different mounted species of insects with common names

Intermediate - a minimum of 25 different mounted species in at least 5 orders, with common names

Advanced - a minimum of 35 different mounted species in at least 6 orders with scientific names

Master - a minimum of 45 different mounted species in at least 7 orders with scientific names

FIELD CROPS & FRUITS

From a minimum 1/4 acre planted to the same crop. One of: 6 bean pods or 1 pint dry beans; or 3 potatoes; or 3 ears of corn; or 3 of any produce you raised to sell, as long as it fits on a standard paper plate; or 1 pint of berries; or a berry plant in a waterproof container.

FISHING

An article made by member such as: collection of 6 flies including 1 dry, 1 nymph, 1 streamer and 3 other flies mounted on a wooden board or poster board; fish print tee shirt; streamer wallet or tying tool blocks; hat band, fly rods, or other fishing related item appropriate to age and number of years in the project;

or

Four regular-size photos that tell a story with individual labels. **(See Rule #6, above, regarding posters.)**

FOOD PREPARATION

A recipe collection of at least 10 recipes in a current 4-H project and displayed in a box or notebook. Each recipe should include its source and member's comments or recommendations. Recipes may be all one category (snacks, foreign foods, fat free, etc.) or may be varied. Only one recipe collection per member. Or... food articles made in the project showing appropriate skills for the member's age and number of years in the project. It should be something that will stay somewhat attractive for the week of the fair. **All such food exhibits must fit on a standard paper plate, be securely wrapped or**

sealed, and will be judged on taste, texture, and appearance. Include the recipe of whatever you made printed on a 3" x 5" card.

FOOD PRESERVATION (Complete and attach a "Food Preservation Label" to each container.)

Beginner - 2 jars of different produce - choice of fruits, berries, tomatoes, jam

Intermediate - 3 jars of different produce - choice of fruits, vegetables, jam, jelly, berries, marmalade, pickles, relish

Advanced - 4 jars of different produce - choice of fruits, vegetables, jam, jelly, berries, preserves, pickles, relish

FOREST CONSERVATION

Six mounted photos that illustrate poor forest conservation practices, labeled to tell what the poor practice is and what might be done to "correct" the problem; or six mounted "before and after" photos that illustrate the member's conservation activity, such as building diversion ditches or water bars, plantings of seedlings or ground cover, etc. (See Rule #6, above, regarding posters.)

FORESTRY

Specimens must be labeled with **common and scientific names**.

Beginner - Collection of leaves, or needles and twigs with winter buds, of a least 10 tree species commercially important to Maine.

Intermediate - Collection of seeds of 10 tree species commercially important to Maine.

Advanced - Collection of at least 4 disease, insect, or animal damaged specimens, or a display of some phase of industrial forestry, such as Christmas tree production or commercial logging, etc.

GARDENING - Indoor

Specimens must be labeled with **common and scientific names**.

Beginner - One house plant grown by 4-H member.

Intermediate - A dish garden or terrarium.

Advanced - A dried flower arrangement; or a winter centerpiece or bouquet using dried flowers, grasses or grains.

Driftwood, stones, evergreens, figurines may be used. No fresh flowers.

GARDEN CROPS (Not a Field Crop project as described above.) Exhibit must be labeled with variety names.

A member may enter one Garden Crop exhibit, using any combination of the Home Garden produce for which she/he was responsible for preparing the soil, planting, tending, and harvesting, as long as the produce exhibited will fit on a standard paper plate. Tops should be removed within one inch of the top of root vegetables. Brush vegetables but do not wash. Select for uniform size, shape and color. Tomatoes may be green.

GARDEN FLOWERS

Flower arrangement, corsage, or winter bouquet.

GEOLOGY OR ROCKS & MINERALS

Exhibit must be neatly mounted, labeled, and protected with a see-through cover. **All of the Rocks or Minerals must have been collected by the 4-H member during this 4-H year.**

Beginner - A minimum of 10 different rocks or minerals

Intermediate - A minimum of 15 different rocks or minerals

Advanced - A minimum of 20 different rocks or minerals

HEALTH & FIRST AID

Any poster or item display that could be used to inform the public about health issues, such as nutrition, the benefits of exercise, first aid, emotional health, sports health, etc.; or an item, such as a first aid kit, made by the member with an explanation of its usefulness. (See Rule #6, above, regarding posters.)

HOBBIES & COLLECTIONS

A representative sample of the hobby or collection and a mounted photo of the entire hobby or collection.

HOME IMPROVEMENT

Four to six photos that show the project from beginning to end, (suggested topics: decorating or renovating a room; a building project; landscaping a yard; etc.), or an item made to improve the home with four to six photos of other items made in the project. **(See Rule #6, above, regarding posters.)**

JEWELRY

Handmade jewelry, submitted in a Ziploc bag, including but not limited to: metal, polished stones, cloth, paper, ceramic, etc. Includes necklaces, pins, bracelets, earrings, hair clips, rings.

KNITTING ("Knitted Projects Guidelines" are available from the Extension Office and list knitting techniques.)

Beginner - any article showing either garter stitch (all knit), or stockinette stitch (knit & purl).

Intermediate - any article showing the beginner level of stitches plus three other techniques.

Advanced - any article showing the beginner level plus four or more other techniques.

LEATHER CRAFT

Article made in the project showing appropriate skills for the member's age and number of years in the project.

MACRAMÉ

Article made in the project showing appropriate skills for the member's age and number of years in the project.

MAPLE SYRUP (Complete and attach a "Food Preservation Label" to the jar.)

One pint canning jar of syrup, sealed, with the threaded ring removed.

MECHANICAL SCIENCES (Not an Automotive Project as described above)

Exhibit a poster or item showing: engine design and operation; or care and maintenance of the machine; or safety considerations; or ignition or fuel system; or similar exhibit. Separate entries may be submitted for each type of machinery **as long as each is conducted as a separate project. (See Rule #6, above, regarding posters.)**

METAL CRAFT

Article made in the project showing appropriate skills for the member's age and number of years in the project.

MODELS

Article made by the member, showing appropriate skills for the member's age and number of years in the project. (Kits allowed.)

MUSIC and MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

A display that illustrates to the public what has been done in the project during the current 4-H year. Include a written explanation of the exhibit on a 3"x5" card. Separate entries may be submitted for each musical instrument, **as long as each is conducted as a separate project. (See Rule #6, above, regarding posters.)**

PHOTOGRAPHY

A photo story displayed in a notebook. A photo story is a story told with pictures such as: how to make a garden, how to raise an animal for the fair, or the story of your vacation. **Captions should be placed under each photo --- neatness counts.**

Beginner — One photo story of five pictures using as many of the following as possible: people pictures, animal pictures, flash pictures, 4-H project pictures.

Intermediate — One photo story of ten pictures using as many of the following as possible: indoor pictures with flash, action pictures, fill-in flash pictures, close-up of person or pet made with a camera to subject at distance of 4.5 feet, low camera angle, level camera angle, high camera angle pictures.

Advanced — One photo story of fifteen pictures using as many of the following as possible: flash pictures, existing light pictures, close-up pictures, pictures with great depth of field, pictures with shallow depth of field, pictures illustrating a creative interpretation of a common-place subject.

Master — One 8" x 10" enlargement made by member that tells a story, matted and framed. This will be hanged, so attach a device for this purpose to the back of the picture.

PHYSICAL FITNESS AND SPORTS

A display that illustrates to the public what has been done in the project during this 4-H year, such as 4 photos that tell a story with individual labels. All project activities must be about the member's **participation** in the fitness activity or sport. Being a spectator does not count. Separate entries may be submitted for each sport, **as long as each is conducted as a separate project.** (See Rule #6, above, regarding posters.)

PUBLIC SPEAKING

A display that illustrates to the public what the member has actively done in the project during this 4-H year, such as 4 photos that tell a story with individual labels. (See Rule #6, above, regarding posters.)

QUILTING

Article made in the project, showing appropriate skills for the member's age and number of years in the project.

READING

4-H'rs in grades K-3 - Exhibit an 8 1/2" x 11" original book cover illustrating some aspect of a book read by the member, using original ideas from the reading. Include a 3"x 5" card listing the names of other books read in the project this year. All other 4-H'rs - An original book cover as described for K-3, and a 3"x 5" card file with a separate card for each book the member has read this 4-H year that lists the following information: title, author, publisher, publication date, number of pages, and a brief synopsis of the book.

RECREATION

Game or puzzle made in the project, showing appropriate skills for the member's age and number of years in the project. List the age of child for which the toy or game was made.

RECYCLING

Any usable or creative product made from recycled materials. Must show appropriate skills for member's age and number of years in the project.

ROCKETRY

A model rocket may be used for display. Any creative way of presenting to the public such things as: rocket design, operation, safety considerations, ignition or fuel systems; or similar exhibit. (See Rule #6, above, regarding posters.)

SAFETY

Any item or poster made by the member that could be used to inform the public about safety considerations or potential hazards in some area of public concern. If you exhibit an item, include an explanation on a 3"x 5" card. (See Rule #6, above, regarding posters.)

SEWING (A "4-H Clothing Project Advisors Reference Sheet," listing "skill requirements" is available from the Extension Office.)

Any one item made by the member and approved by the leader. Attach a 3"x5" index card on which is written the sewing skill(s) the item illustrates and a list of other items made in the project. (A hanger must be provided for hang-able items.)

Beginner - 4 Beginner skill requirements

Intermediate - 3 Intermediate skill requirements in addition to 4 beginner skill requirements

Advanced - 3 Advanced skill requirements including at least 1 from categories 1, 3, & 5.

SNOWMOBILE

Six photos of your snowmobile activities, (see General Requirements #9); or a poster illustrating your project; or other relevant display. (See Rule #6, above, regarding posters.)

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION

Six mounted photos that illustrate poor conservation practices, labeled to tell what the poor practice is and what might be done to "correct" the problem; or six mounted "before and after" photos that illustrate the member's own conservation project; or an educational poster about your project. (See Rule #6, above, regarding posters.)

STENCILING

Any article made in the project, showing appropriate skills for the member's age and number of years in the project.

STITCHERY

ONE article of the following, made in the project this 4-H year: needlepoint, bargello, rug hooking, candle-wicking, crewel, cross-stitch, etc. (Kits accepted.)

VETERINARY SCIENCE

One display or poster on: the parts of an animal; normal vital signs; diseases; poisonous plants; heredity; nutrition; or allergies. **(See Rule #6, above, regarding posters.)**

WILDFLOWERS

A display of 10 different specimens, mounted on 14"x 22" poster board or in a field notebook, labeled with common and scientific names, and covered with a see-through cover for protection. Up to four specimens may be the member's photographs or drawings of flowers on the endangered list.

WILDLIFE

A poster or display with 6 labeled sketches or 6 mounted photos of the wildlife you studied; track casts you made; a birdhouse, feeder, or other item you made during the project; or a display of other items collected. **(See Rule #6, above, regarding posters.)**

WOODWORKING

Any article made by the member during this 4-H year showing appropriate woodworking skills (such as joining, cutting, fitting, finishing, etc.) or, if project is not portable, a poster with 4 - 6 labeled sequential photos of the woodworking project. (See General Requirements #9.) Attach a 3"x5" index card listing other items made in the project. Members may enter only items that they have made from scratch, not from parts pre-cut by a parent or 4-H Leader or from a commercial kit. **(See Rule #6, above, regarding posters.)**

CREATIVITY UNLIMITED

Any exhibit made entirely by the 4-H'r during the current 4-H year in a project **that isn't covered under another project category in these rules**. Label the exhibit card with "Creativity Unlimited" and the name of the project (e. g., "Creativity Unlimited - Composting"). More than one exhibit may be entered in this category **as long as it is about a bona fide 4-H Project, and it is the member's only entry in that project**. Leaders are asked to carefully check these exhibits to make sure they fit this category. **(See Rule #6, above, regarding posters.)**

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